

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 and 31 and 32 remain in this application. Claims 23-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-22, 31 and 32 are currently pending. Entry of this amendment prior to examination is requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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